

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 10th February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we have arrived at the end of another half term. All the children have worked incredibly hard and thank you for coming along to find out about their progress this week in your parent consultations. It is lovely to catch up with you and share any successes or concerns with you face to face.

Thank you for wearing red in support of the Air Ambulance today. We managed to raise £78.50 for this fantastic cause. Also for supporting Dinghy and Mousehole Mice FROMS cake sale with your kind donations of cakes and buns. The money raised will help support resources in the school. We look forward to the next cake sale run by Skiff on Friday 24th March.

The girls football team played Alverton School on Tuesday losing 7-0. And the boys played St Erth in a quarter final cup match losing 5-3. Mr Ansell was very proud of all your sportsmanship and can see great progress from your earlier match. Keep up the determination!!

Please can you take the time to read the Online Safety document I have attached to the newsletter over the past 2 weeks, as we are being made aware of children who are under age using TicToc and Instagram accounts. Your child should be 13 years old before they can access any of these social media sites including Facebook. Please can you take the time to check your child hasn't set up any accounts without your knowledge to ensure their safety.

Our recyclable uniform rail continues to be very popular and we would like to have any old uniform washed and cleaned to recycle as we are running out. If you would like to leave a small donation in the black box opposite it would be greatly appreciated.

Hope you have a lovely restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February at 8.50am.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow



Stars of the week



Dinghy Class	-Bunny -Otis	-For great ideas for our weather poem. -For our investigation of waterproof materials.
Skiff Class	-Caleb M -Ruby H	- Both of you for fantastic reading this week which has support your phonics and writing-Keep up the good work both of you!
Lugger Class	-Jude -Isabell	-For amazing effort and enthusiasm in all areas with whizzy adventure story writing. -For really trying hard in your maths and writing a great adventure story.
Schooner Class	-Ella -Reign -Henriette	- Pushing her self in new areas of maths learning and her fantastic role in the football match this week. -Made rapid progress in timetables and reading more regularly. -Day to day put 100% into everything that she does and great determination in all areas of school life.

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTCHAPEL: 288

GWYNVER: 213

SENNEN: 96

PRAA SANDS: 218

ATTENDANCE
WINNERS OF THE WEEK:



SKIFF CLASS

WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE: 93%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term:

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesday
10.30-11.30am

Half Term 13th-17th February

Thurs 2nd World Book Day

Thurs 2nd St Piran Concert 7pm

Fri 3rd St Piran Parade

Fri 17th March Lugger Yr 3 Parent/
Grandparent Lunch

Fri 24th March Skiff Cake Stall 3pm

Wed 29th March Tempest Group Photos

Last Day of Term- Friday 31st March

2022-2023 INSET Days:

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023



Online Safety Newsletter

February 2023

How old is your child online?

Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account? For example, did your 8 year old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about.

If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults.

In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging).

The following news article from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online:
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/risks-of-children-using-false-ages-on-social-media>

Age ratings

Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog:
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

PUBG (PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds)

PUBG is available on multiple platforms and is **rated 16+ by PEGI**, therefore it is not suitable for persons below 16 years of age. PEGI state that this game has been rated PEGI 16 "due to frequent, moderate violence towards human characters and encouragement of drug use" (<https://pegi.info/>).



PUBG is an online multiplayer game, in which a group of players play against each other until they are the only remaining player. One hundred players are dropped on to an island and they need to search for items, such as backpacks, body armour and guns.

What do I need to be aware of?

Parents need to be aware that this can be an addictive game, in game purchases are available and due to the live chat, inappropriate or offensive language may be heard/seen.

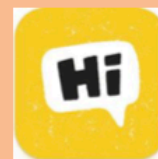
If your child is playing this game, then make sure they know how to use the reporting and blocking facilities within the game and they know to speak to a trusted adult should they need to.

Further information

Bark provides further information on PUBG as well as how to apply settings:
<https://www.bark.us/guides/gaming-pubg/>

HiPal – Walkie Talkie

HiPal – Walkie Talkie is a social media app and rated 12+ on the App store and for 'Teens' on Google Play.



When first accessing HiPal, it asks you if you are under or over 12 years of age. The area available to under 12 year olds states that no stranger interaction can take place. Users with this account type invite friends by sharing a code/QR code. As with all messaging apps, there can be instances of cyberbullying, so it is important to monitor who your child is interacting with.

If a user selects that they are over 12 years of age, then there is the risk of communication from strangers. HiPal features a public square where you can message strangers as well as an explore tab where you can view people's images and videos from around the world. There is a risk of viewing content that is not suitable or inappropriate. There are reporting and blocking features within the app. You can find out more from Safer Schools NI here:
<https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/hipal-walkie-talkie-and-wizz-social-apps/>

Fall Guys

Fall Guys is a free, online multiplayer game in which players team up to take on obstacle courses and puzzles to try and be the last player standing. Fall Guys is available on multiple platforms.

Whilst this game has a PEGI rating of 3 (suitable for all ages), you need to be aware that up to sixty people will be playing in one game at the same time and it does have the option of **voice chat** and **in-game purchases**. Voice chat is off by default and is not needed to play the game. An Epic Games account is required to play Fall Guys, which does include parental controls. You can find out more here:

<https://www.epicgames.com/site/en-US/parental-controls>

Instagram: new features

You must be at least 13 years old to have an Instagram account.

Instagram have introduced several new features, including 'Quiet mode,' how to hide content as well as additional tools to help your child.

Quiet mode

This gives users the ability to put their account in quiet mode, so you do not receive notifications and if you receive a DM, the sender receives an auto reply. This mode will help provide less distraction whilst studying and at nighttime.

Recommendations

You can now hide content in Explore that you do not wish to see/are not interested in. Instagram will use this information to avoid showing you that type of content in other areas where content is recommended as well.

Hidden words

You can already hide comments and DMs containing specific words, but this feature has now been expanded to recommended posts. If you add a word, emoji or hashtag that you want to avoid to your hidden words (in privacy settings) then Instagram will try to no longer recommend content with those words in the caption/ hashtag.

Updated Parental Supervision Tools

You can see your child's Instagram settings (if you have set up a supervised account), including their privacy and account settings and accounts your child has blocked. If your child updates a setting, then you will receive a notification to inform you.

Find out more

You can read more about the new features here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/01/instagram-quiet-mode-manage-your-time-and-focus/>



Sky Broadband Shield

Do you have Sky Broadband? Sky offer a set of free tools to all customers to help make the internet a safer place for your family, for example safe search. You can find out more about the settings available and how to set it up here:

<https://www.sky.com/help/articles/sky-broadband-shield-start>

Spotify

There have been news reports claiming grooming has taken place on Spotify (source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-64262918>).

Spotify is a music streaming service. You should be over 18 years of age to agree to the terms, or if older than 13, obtain parent/guardian consent.

There is a Spotify Kids version, but it is only available as part of a Premium (paid for) Family plan.

Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information but if your child does use Spotify then it may be beneficial to have a chat about what they are viewing. https://www.spotify.com/privacy/files/Parental_Guide.pdf

You can find out more about Grooming and who to contact here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/>

Is your child playing Gacha Life?

Gacha Life is rated as 9+ on the App Store and for 'Everyone' on the Google Play Store. Players can dress up characters and add props (including weapons) and create scenes with their characters as well as play games. The app does allow in-app purchases ranging from £1.70 to £17.99 and does include adverts. This article from Internet Matters provides further information and discusses in detail what you need to be aware of: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/safety-news/what-is-gacha-life-what-parents-need-to-know/>



HALF TERM
CRICKET
CAMPS

CRICKET CENTRE | TRURO



SOFTBALL

13TH-14TH FEB | 10-3PM

£15 PER DAY | YEARS 1-5

To book your place - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/7lq20d>

HARDBALL

15TH-16TH FEB | 10-3PM

£20 PER DAY | YEARS 4-8

To book your place - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/jlq204>

BRING PACKED LUNCH & SNACKS

GOOL PERAN LOWEN!



ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

MONDAY 6TH MARCH

Menu

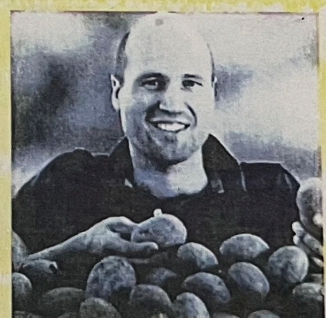
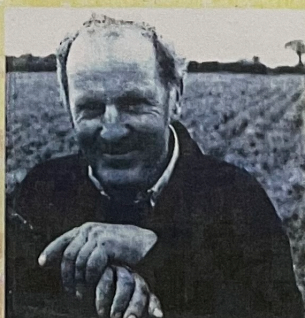
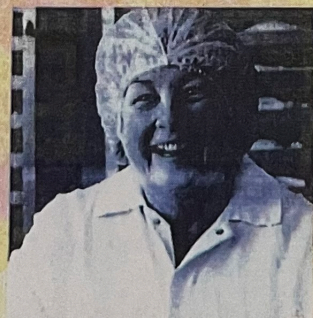


**Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty**

Hevva Cake

Jacket Potato available on request

Pasties were taken down the mines by the adults and children who worked there; the shape and size made them ideal for carrying. It's distinctive D shape with the crust acting as a handle, which was discarded to prevent contaminating the food with grubby, possibly arsenic-ridden hands



At Proper Cornish we are passionate about quality pastry, filled with great tasting ingredients, made properly in Cornwall for people who love food.

We are passionate and honest about where our ingredients come from. At Proper Cornish, we believe in supporting our local farmers. Our swede comes from Hayle, courtesy of Trevor Goldsworthy's family run farm, our potatoes come from third generation farmer Chris Dustow from Par and our onions are grown by Anthony West of Torpoint. Cornwall grows some of the highest quality produce in the world, so why go anywhere else?


Chartwells

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

WORLD
BOOK
day

MAINS

**Witches Cauldron Pizza,
Bookworm Bites, Wizards Wedges,
Jack's Beans and Pen Licence Peas**

DESSERTS

**Giant Peach Crumble
Magical Marmalade Pudding
Eat me Custard
The Very Hungry Lions Shortbread**



**ST JOHN'S HALL
PENZANCE**

**17 & 18 FEBRUARY
4pm & 7pm**

ORIGINAL BROADWAY
PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY

**MARTIN
CHARNIN**

BOOK BY

**CHARLES
STRAUSE**

MUSIC BY

**MARTIN
CHARNIN**

LYRICS BY

**THOMAS
MEEHAN**



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PRESENTS

**Annie
JR.**

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